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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Prices were mostly higher early week and continued to climb during the week. The trade sentiment was firm. Demand into all channels was light to very good. Supplies were sufficient to tight for trade needs. Breaking stock with checks and undergrade prices were all higher. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were tight to short of needs. Lighter weight breaking stock was bringing premium prices. Liquid whole egg and yolk were well sought after. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were easily available with a fair demand. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment continues to be steady. Removal prices were 4.5-11 cents, mostly 4.5-5.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 5 cents higher for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's delivery trending higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand remained moderate to good. Loose egg demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was light to moderate for the tight to inadequate offerings. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	44-47
LARGE	40-49	42-45
MEDIUM	35-44	37-40

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending sharply higher. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was light to good. Supplies ranged tight to adequate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-61	47-52
LARGE	41-55	46-50
MEDIUM	38-51	43-45

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

May 19, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	43.00	42.00	38.00
SOUTHEAST	42.50	40.50	37.00
MIDWEST	37.50	35.50	32.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	45.50	41.50	35.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	42.26	39.92	35.69

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-23-06	05-16-06	05-24-05
Large	22-31	14-23	17-26
Medium	17-23	11-17	6-12

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAY 22, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	13.4	7.8	12.5	10.3	51.2
	Change	0.2	-1.5	0.0	-5.4	0.0	-12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	31.8	11.3	24.5	31.1	121.6
	Change	-2.9	-12.9	-1.8	-1.9	-3.6	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	36.9	102.2	65.7	101.2	95.0	401.0
	Change	1.9	-51.3	-2.8	-10.0	1.2	-13%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	48.8	13.6	19.2	31.7	125.7
	Change	1.1	-15.0	-8.7	-0.7	3.3	-14%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	8.3	2.5	1.9	4.7	21.4
	Change	-0.3	0.6	0.9	-1.0	1.0	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	35.4	10.1	13.1	5.4	66.5
	Change	-0.1	0.7	0.0	1.7	0.8	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.7	48.5	18.1	39.5	23.9	142.7
	Change	-2.0	-8.0	-10.7	-1.1	-0.1	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	98.6	288.4	129.1	211.9	202.1	930.1
	Percent Change	-2%	-23%	-15%	-8%	1%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	930.1	-12%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	227.2	-13%	35

Total Shell Egg	1157.3	-12%	201
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO		5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
100.7	375.8	152.2	230.3	199.5	1058.5

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 20-MAY-06**

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)						
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,322,905	32,273	12,428	6,566	3,257	4,441
PW	1,353,010	32,642	13,348	7,125	3,640	4,391
LY	1,359,889	31,354	14,379	7,735	2,837	4,548
% Chg PW	-2%	-1%	-7%	-8%	-11%	1%
% Chg LY	-3%	3%	-14%	-15%	15%	-2%
2006	25,621,446	633,085	239,842	129,418	59,027	86,910
2005	25,611,607	608,701	253,023	135,599	55,809	88,314
% Chg YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-5%	6%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.11	42.50	42.66
(Inedible Excluded)	38.75	39.26	39.32

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;  
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	577,822	43.7%	15,955	49.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	596,248	44.1%	15,796	48.4%
LAST YEAR	558,625	41.1%	14,029	44.7%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAY 13	MAY 20	MAY 13	MAY 20
	Thousand			
AL	31,471	31,644	*20,470	21,550
AR	*30,190	30,301	*25,233	24,056
DE	3,542	3,661	5,940	5,119
FL	1,378	922	1,324	1,319
GA	*34,679	34,584	*28,863	28,687
KY	*7,289	7,209	*6,564	6,367
LA	3,923	3,923	3,782	3,767
MD	8,876	8,955	4,484	4,979
MS	18,385	17,679	15,743	15,414
NC	18,994	18,845	15,193	15,522
OK	6,104	6,478	*4,194	5,296
PA	*4,013	4,122	*2,959	2,601
SC	5,336	5,309	*4,592	4,701
TX	14,842	14,903	12,778	11,459
VA	6,472	6,475	5,112	5,792
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,023	17,925	*17,221	15,901
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*213,517</b>	<b>212,935</b>	<b>*174,452</b>	<b>172,530</b>
Previous Year Total	215,969	216,555	178,354	177,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	98	98	97

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-Jul-06 is estimated at 159.7 million head. This compares to 161.3 million head the previous week and to 167.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 177.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.76 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 18, 2006-MAY 24, 2006

	CURRENT LDS 70.75		FUTURE LDS 61.00		TTL LDS 131.75	
	SE		NE		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	31.00	41.92	31.75	35.63	42.00	37.00
GNR BR 1	--	32.00	--	--	--	--
GL W J	--	--	48.50	49.50	47.83	--
GL W XL	--	--	37.67	49.42	43.00	--
GL W LG	--	37.00	43.00	49.87	41.00	--
GL W MD	37.33	34.00	34.17	35.00	27.69	--
GL W SM	23.50	26.50	23.63	25.88	--	--
GL BR LG	--	--	46.50	--	--	--
GL BR MD	30.00	35.00	--	--	--	--
NRBS - 48	16.00	--	--	22.50	23.00	26.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	13.25	15.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	12.33	6.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-MAY-2006**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	28.8	27.5	5	18
Boston	3.0	3.1	-3	-17
Chicago	64.9	57.6	13	0
Detroit	20.0	19.9	1	5
Kansas City	5.8	5.0	16	-11
Los Angeles	111.0	116.3	-5	-2
New Orleans	5.9	6.4	-8	0
New York	30.4	30.6	-1	1
St. Louis	17.9	15.1	19	-1
San Francisco	15.1	17.1	-12	-22
Total	302.8	298.6	1	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	304.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 20-MAY-2006	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
	Thousands				
Head	2,099	2,634	10	2	4,745
Avg Wt	16.74	38.58	24.95	56.82	28.90
Last week	2,148	2,607	7	4	4,766
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,623	12	1	4,616
Avg Wt	16.55	38.28	25.08	59.64	28.93
To-date/2006	37,399	49,423	452	111	87,385
To-date/2005	32,323	50,816	444	61	83,644

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 20-May-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW		-THOUSAND HEAD-	
North East	769	-1	23.96	(A)	770
South Atlantic	687	-9	33.29	(A)	688
North Central	2,241	4	32.95	(A)	2,241
South Central	809	9	18.68	(A)	809
West	237	-25	28.48	(A)	237
U.S. total	4,743(B)	0	28.90	2	4,745
To-date					
2006	87,274(B)			111	87,385
To-date					
2005	83,583(B)			61	83,644

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date 452,000; for last year to date 444,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 20-MAY-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	167,283	1,211	1,635	2,846	573
Avg Wt	5.42	3.30	8.04	6.02	6.74
Last week	164,848	1,226	1,509	2,735	556
Same wk yr ago	163,035	1,709	1,540	3,249	487
Avg Wt	5.30	3.46	7.99	5.61	6.77
To-date/2006	3,222,472	23,842	29,052	52,894	10,349
To-date/2005	3,161,879	30,936	27,213	58,149	10,095

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 4.2 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-May-06

CLASS	CW - 05/27/06(1)	PW - 05/20/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	175,047(2)	166,266
Light hens	1,153	1,254
Heavy hens	1,568	1,533
Total	177,768	169,053

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-May-06 is 162.8 million head compared to 164.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 175.4 million head or 12.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Jun-06 the estimated available is 163.1 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April 15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.40
29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
May 6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
13	166.9	166.5	100%	5.45
20	169.3	165.1	103%	5.42
Year to date	3261.7	3278.4	99%	
May 27		162.8		
June 3		163.1		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 22-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	52.00-55.00	53.47	35 :	53.96	71
Los Angeles	75.00	72.70	67 :	67.65	157
New York	52.00-55.00	54.25	24 :	58.09	73

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

22-MAY-2006	Change from 15-MAY-2006	15-MAY-2006	23-MAY-2005
61.27	2.46	58.81	73.20

NUMBER OF LOADS 617

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 05/22/06	3,300	95,914	65,931
AM 05/01/06	3,381	75,818	75,982
CHG	-81	20096	-10051
PCT CHG	-2%	27%	-13%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)\* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 22-MAY-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.43
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-14.75 CENTS/LB.	11-12.5	11.97

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

**LIGHT TYPE**

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

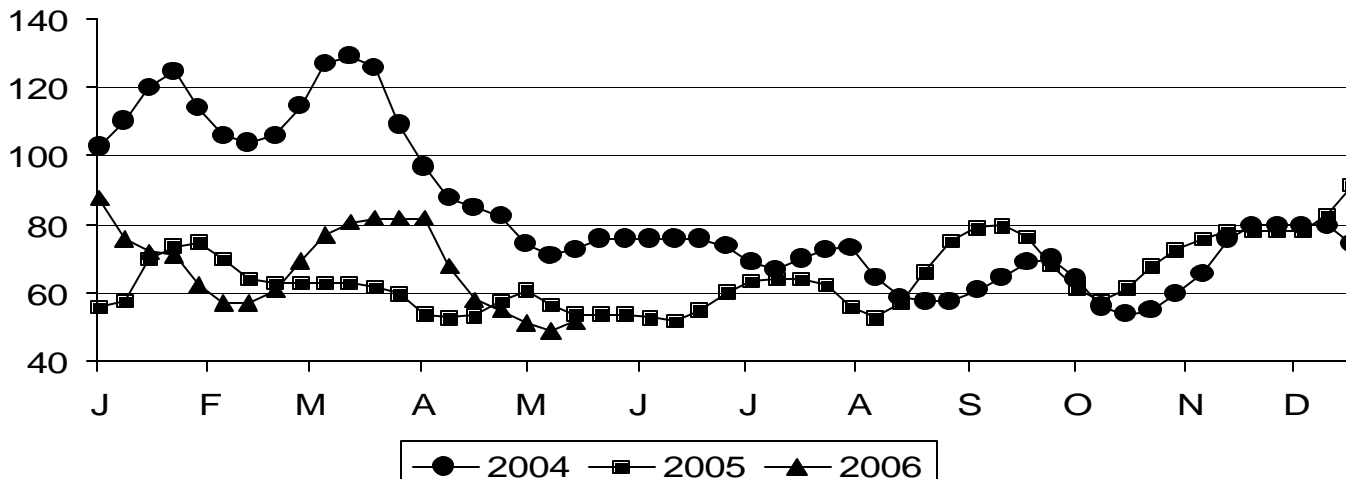
19-MAY-06	REMOVAL COST	MAJORITY
REGIONS	RANGE	
Eastern	5-13	9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-11	4.5-5.5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

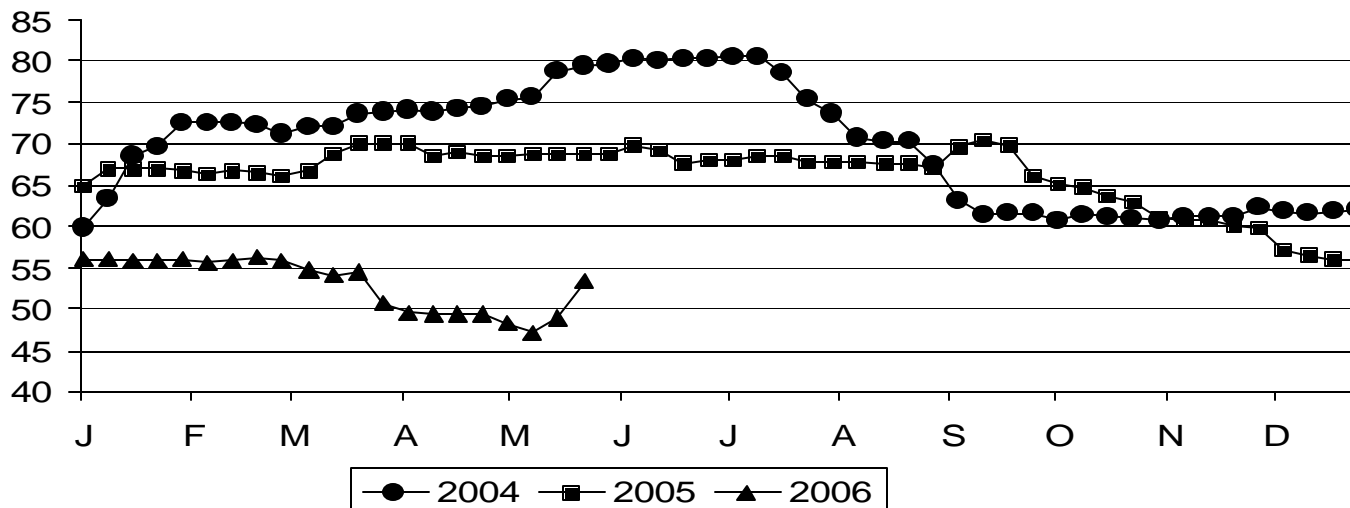
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 20-MAY-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	188.3	-1	-13
East North Central	612.5	-3	2
West North Central	288.8	-5	3
South Atlantic	184.2	1	-2
South Central	59.6	5	8
West	180.7	0	-15
Total	1514.1	-2	-3
Matched Plants reporting		84	83
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)			
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)			
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

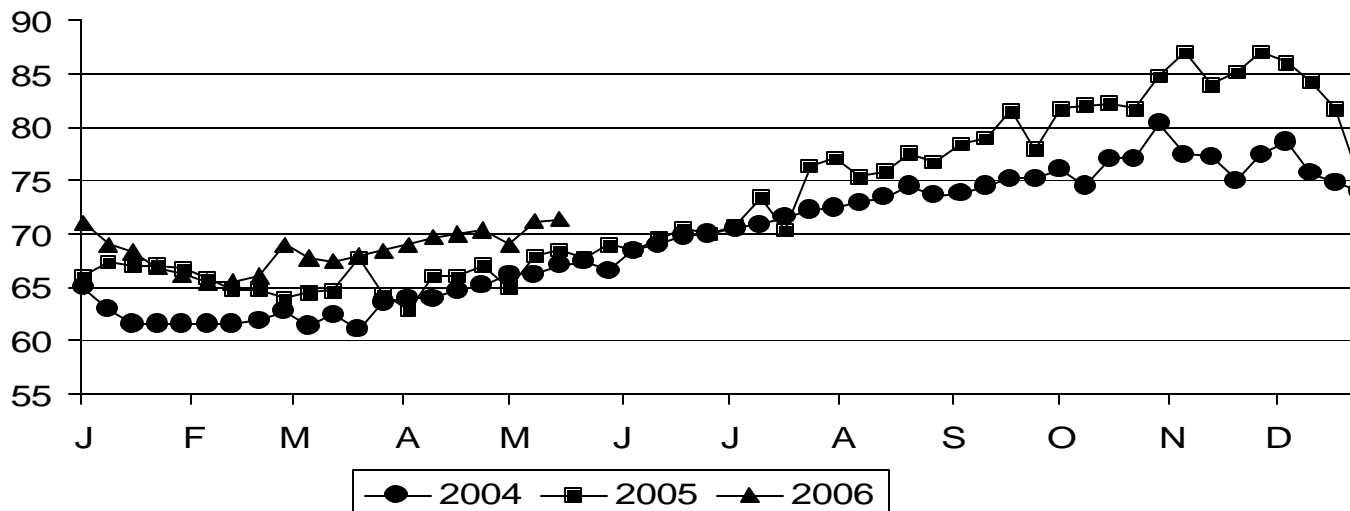
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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